



City Administrator's Report

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Dear Reader,

Each month, this report from the City Administrator's Office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the Santa Barbara community. Feel free to send me your comments and suggestions.

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Key Meetings

October 16, 23, and 30: **City Council Meetings**, 735 Anacapa Street, City Hall Council Chambers, 2 p.m.

Community Events

October 6 to 14: [Creeks Week](#). Events include creek clean-ups, water quality monitoring, bird walks and a family day at the Watershed Resource Center.

October 7 and 8: All Santa Barbara Public Libraries Closed.

October 13: [Harbor and Seafood Festival](#), Santa Barbara Harbor, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

October 31: Halloween.

[Flags on State Street:](#)

September 28 - October 15: Community Arts Music Association (CAMA)

October 15 - October 26: Fighting Back – SB Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

October 26 - November 5: Domestic Violence Solutions

City Administrator

City TV Airs Inside Santa Barbara. *Inside Santa Barbara* is an award-winning newsmagazine show on City TV Channel 18 that highlights significant issues, projects, and events. City TV airs a new episode every month. In October's episode of *Inside Santa Barbara*, City TV takes an in-depth look at the City's On-TRAC Plan (A Plan of Transit/Rail Action for Commuters). City TV explores how this plan addresses challenges and steps to implementing commuter rail. Also in this episode, *Inside Santa Barbara* goes biking on Milpas Street's new "Sharrow" bike lanes, shared lane symbols that serve as a reminder that lanes are shared by both bicyclists and motorists. Whether you ride a bike or drive a car, learn how to be safer on the streets by watching City TV pedal through sharrows. Channel 18 also goes inside local programs that are reaching out to youth, like the City's Youth Apprenticeship Program, City At Peace, and the recent Youth Leadership Summit. The story also focuses on a youth employment grant of \$863,000 that was given to the City, which will provide job training and job placement for local youth. Finally, City TV goes to the Carillo Recreation Center, where free classes are being offered during its Open House. From song-writing classes to hip-hop dancing, *Inside Santa Barbara* joins in on all the fun! *Inside Santa Barbara* airs every Monday at 8 p.m., Tuesday at 5 p.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 9 p.m., and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. You can also watch *Inside Santa Barbara* online at www.citytv18.com.

City TV Wins National Television Awards. City TV Channel 18 was the proud recipient of two national television awards at the annual NATOA (National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors) conference in Portland, Oregon. Christy Zwicke and Chris Bell were there to receive 2nd place for *Best Website*, and 2nd place for *Best Public Service Announcement* called "Plants Bloated." To view the award-winning website, go to www.citytv18.com.

Administrative Services

City to Conduct a Stand-Alone Election. The City Clerk's Office will be administering its General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The ballot will include three Councilmember seats and a Charter Amendment measure to change regular City elections in November from odd-numbered years to even years. Voter registration forms are available at the Santa Barbara City Clerk's Office and the Santa Barbara County Election Department. For more information contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 564-5309 or www.SBCityVote.org.

Poll Workers Needed on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The City is seeking civic-minded individuals, who are at least 18 years of age and registered to vote in the State of California, to serve as poll workers on Election Day. Poll workers must be available from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Serving as a poll worker is a great way to support your community and take an active role in democracy. Poll workers are responsible for opening and closing the polls, issuing ballots, and assisting voters and instructing them on proper voting procedures. The City Clerk's Office will provide training to all poll workers prior to serving on Election Day. Poll workers serving as inspectors will receive a stipend of up to \$200; poll workers serving as clerks will receive a stipend of up to \$140. If you are interested in joining our team for this important process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (805) 564-5309. Bilingual citizens are highly encouraged to apply.

Annual Recruitment for Boards and Commissions. The City is currently conducting the annual recruitment for the following Boards and Commissions:

• Architectural Board of Review	• Historic Landmarks Commission
• Arts Advisory Committee	• Housing Authority Commission
• Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals	• Library Board
• Civil Service Commission	• Lower Westside Center Advisory Committee
• Community Development & Human Services Committee	• Measure P Committee
• Community Events & Festivals Committee	• Park and Recreation Commission
• Creeks Advisory Committee	• Planning Commission
• Downtown Parking Committee	• Rental Housing Mediation Task Force
• Fire & Police Commission	• Sign Committee
• Fire & Police Pension Commission	• Water Commission
• Franklin Center Advisory Committee	• Westside Center Advisory Committee

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| • Harbor Commission | |
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The deadline to submit applications for the recruitment is Thursday, November 1, 2007. It is anticipated that the City Council will conduct interviews on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. (estimated time) and on December 4, 2007, at 6 p.m. Applicants to the community center advisory committees will have an additional interview opportunity by the Council Subcommittee on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Lower Westside Community Center, 629 Coronel Place. The list of vacancies and application forms are available at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov or by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (805) 564-5309.

Airport

Airline Terminal Project Takes Flight. On September 20th, Planning Commission members unanimously approved the \$63 million Airline Terminal Project which is on schedule to begin construction in late 2008. The proposed Project is a two-story, 67,000 square foot Airline Terminal facility that includes the rehabilitation and relocation of the original Edwards & Plunkett designed structure. The existing short-term parking lot would be reconfigured and the loop road reconstructed to incorporate an alternative transportation lane for buses, taxis, and shuttles. Additionally, the southern most commercial aircraft ramp is expected to be reconstructed in summer 2008 as Phase I of the Project.

New Non-Stop Flight to Sacramento and San Diego. Beginning October 8th, Express Jet Airlines started ticket sales from Santa Barbara Airport for non-stop service to Sacramento and San Diego. Express Jet will be flying its 50-seat Embraer 145 aircraft. Express Jet aircraft are quiet, fuel-efficient, and configured with no middle seat, assigning every passenger a seat on the aisle, window, or both. Express Jet offers valet carry-on bag service and complimentary name-brand snacks with full service meal options on longer flights. Express Jet expects to start flying from Santa Barbara on November 11, in time for the winter holiday travel season. Express Jet plans to hire 10 to 15 employees and invest more than \$300,000 in airport facilities and equipment at SBA. For more information, go to www.flysba.com.

Community Development Department

Planning Commission Update. The Planning Commission will hold meetings on October 11th and 18th. Some of the items include:

On October 18th, the Planning Commission will hear a proposal to replace Hayward's buildings at 1015-1025 Santa Barbara Street with a mixed-use project. The mixed-use project would include demolition of 15,400 square feet of existing commercial and office space and construction of a new three and four-story mixed-use project with 12,500 square feet of commercial space, 15 new residential units, including two affordable units and two with live-work space, and a 55-space underground garage.

The Commission will also hold a Concept Review of a project by the Cancer Center at 540 W. Pueblo St. The Cancer Center plans to expand its facilities from about 11,800 square feet to 52,700 square feet, provide up to 12 residential units for staff and patients, and construct underground parking.

630 Garden Street Renovation. In 1987, the Public Works building at 630 Garden Street underwent a major two-story addition. After the project was complete, the Community Development Department moved into the new space, with the second floor occupied by Administration, Housing, Planning, and Redevelopment staff, and the two departments have worked together since then.

After a number of years of "settling," the sub-floor on the second story has begun to show signs of cracking, and requires repair. The project involves moving all second-floor staff to other locations, removing the office cubicles and furniture, removing the 20-year-old carpet, and repairing the floor. The relocation of staff during the repair affords an opportunity to repaint, retrofit the existing fluorescent lights to an energy-efficient configuration, install new carpet, and replace the office cubicles.

The work is scheduled to begin in early November 2007, with staff moving back into the building in early January 2008. Regularly scheduled board and commission meetings will not be affected during this time.

Waterfront Hotel takes next step. On September 20, 2007, building permits were issued to allow the grading and foundation work for the Fess Parker Waterfront Hotel at the corner of Calle Cesar Chavez and Cabrillo Boulevard, and to construct a youth hostel at the corner of Montecito Street and Helena Avenue. These projects are part of a Specific Plan Amendment that the City approved in 1993, which allowed the construction of a 150-room hotel, along with a 10-acre City park and a 100 bed hostel, and associated infrastructure improvements. In 1995, the City approached Mr. Parker with a request to begin construction of the Park immediately and in exchange the City, through a development agreement, extended the expiration date of his approvals for the Youth Hostel and Hotel from 1997 to September 21, 2007. With the Development Agreement in place, Mr. Parker transferred five acres of land to the City and started paying maintenance fees to the City, and construction of the Waterfront Park (Chase Palm Park Expansion) proceeded.

Over the last several years, there have been revisions to the plans, the most important of which, resulted in moving the parking that would have been underground on the hotel site to a new location north of the railroad tracks. The new parking lot was approved by the Planning Commission in August and includes restoration of the El Estero Drain. Combined with the restoration on the adjacent Laguna Sanitation property, most of the El Estero Drain will be restored to a more natural state and fenced to reduce human activity in this area.

Over the last year, City staff in Planning, Building and Safety, Engineering, Transportation, Fire, Redevelopment, Parks and Recreation, and the City Attorney's Office have worked hard to make sure that the deadline for issuing permits was met.

Finance Department

August TOT up 3.4% - The 3.4% increase in August follows July's 3.6% increase, resulting in a 3.5% increase for the first two months of the fiscal year. As mentioned in last month's update, we need 7% growth this fiscal year in order to make budget.

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES								
Month	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year	FY 2008	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%	\$ 1,556,439	5.3%	\$ 1,613,163	3.6%
Aug	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%	1,591,998	5.8%	1,645,684	3.4%
Sept	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%	1,196,533	7.9%		
Oct	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%	1,051,043	9.1%		
Nov	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%	887,047	9.6%		
Dec	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%	669,540	-0.4%		
Jan	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%	677,428	2.4%		
Feb	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%	758,041	2.6%		
Mar	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%	953,927	11.5%		
April	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%	1,046,772	4.6%		
May	1,001,438	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%	1,052,582	3.7%		
June	1,158,018	18.9%	1,223,974	5.7%	1,249,817	2.1%		
FY Total	\$ 11,081,510	6.9%	\$ 12,032,372	8.6%	\$ 12,691,167	5.5%	\$ 3,258,847	3.5%
Budget	\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200		\$ 12,630,600		\$ 13,581,500	7.0%

Includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).

Sales Tax Grows 5% in 2nd Quarter. For the quarter that ended June 30th, the City's sales tax revenue grew 5% over the prior year. Although virtually all of the revenue from the June quarter (April, May and June) is credited to last fiscal year, the 5% growth rate is somewhat encouraging. This follows the 7.6% growth in the March quarter. Despite these two consecutive encouraging quarterly growth rates, sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2007 was below both budget and staff's year-end estimate. Based on the fiscal year 2007 year-end estimate, we assumed a 3.5% growth rate for fiscal year 2008. However, because we ended fiscal year 2007 about \$263,000 short of our year-end estimate, we actually need sales tax revenue to grow 4.9% this fiscal year in order to make budget. As mentioned above, although most of the second quarter sales tax revenue is actually FY 2007 revenue, the 5% growth rate puts us right around the growth rate needed to make budget this fiscal year - assuming we can sustain this for another three quarters.

Below is the sales tax table. Please keep in mind that this table is presented on a calendar quarter basis which, due to the timing of the State's sales tax payment to us, does not reflect sales tax revenues on a fiscal year basis. As can be seen from the table, taken together, sales tax grew 3.7% over the most recent four calendar quarters.

SALES TAX								
Quarter Ended	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year
Sept 30	4,536,571	-0.4%	4,512,083	-0.5%	5,164,138	14.5%	5,234,636	1.4%
Dec 31	4,765,855	4.8%	4,946,706	3.8%	5,034,371	1.8%	5,109,958	1.5%
Mar 31	4,289,056	6.8%	4,367,907	1.8%	4,367,052	0.0%	4,698,398	7.6%
June 30	4,621,598	5.7%	4,793,216	3.7%	4,992,005	4.1%	5,240,527	5.0%
Totals	\$ 18,213,080	4.1%	\$ 18,619,912	2.2%	\$ 19,557,566	5.0%	\$ 20,283,519	3.7%

Fire Department

Solar Panels at Fire Station No. 2. On October 2nd, Mayor Blum dedicated the new Photovoltaic Solar Project at Fire Station No. 2 on Cacique Street. The newly installed panels are already generating about two-thirds of the power to run the fire station.

High Fire Hazard Vegetation Road Clearance. The vegetation clearance of roads in the high fire hazard area began on August 29, 2007. The work will continue until November 21, 2007.

This year, 12 miles of roads in the Extreme Foothill and Foothill Zone of the high fire hazard area will be cleared. This part of the project is funded by the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District. In addition, three miles of road in the Coastal zone of the high fire hazard area will be cleared. This part of the project is funded by the General Fund.

The purpose of vegetation road clearance is to reduce the total amount of vegetation along roadways, enhance evacuation during a wildland fire and decrease emergency response times within the high fire hazard areas through the removal of vegetation.

Library Department

New Library Catalog System. The libraries of the Santa Barbara Public Library System will be closed on Sunday, October 7 and Monday, October 8 for a planned computer upgrade to a new automation system. When the libraries open on Tuesday, October 9th, the public will be introduced to an entirely new catalog with a new look, and a number of improvements including Aquabrowser, a new visual catalog, and the ability to notify library users in advance via e-mail about an item's approaching due date. Access to the rich collections of the public libraries in Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County, including books, DVDs, books on CD, videotapes and downloadable audiobooks will resume. Library card holders will once again be able to request items from any of these libraries.

The Santa Barbara Public Library System is a member of the Black Gold Cooperative Library System. While the online catalog will be unavailable during the two-day transition, library users will still have access to other services available through the [library's website](#). These services include the library's calendar and its online databases, including the full-text of the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times, Encyclopedia Britannica, Novelist Guide to Fiction, etc.

Read for the Record. For the second year in a row, the Santa Barbara Public Library participated in *Read for the Record*, a national event designed to promote early childhood education. The goal is to raise awareness by trying to set a new world record for the number of children who listen to the same book being read on the same day. This year, 615 children listened to an adult read The Story of Ferdinand, by Munro Leaf on September 20th. The Library distributed 500 free copies of the book to K-2 children at Cesar Chavez and Peabody Charter Schools. The event was sponsored by AmeriCorps. Library literacy AmeriCorps member Heidi Sinavsky helped sites with their Guinness Book of World Records paperwork and also led a story time herself at the Camino Real Starbucks in Goleta. Starbucks chipped in free hot chocolate for kids and coffee for parents, and KEYT Channel 3 News sent out a camera crew and filmed a story that was shown on the evening news.

Stand Up and Spell. The Second Annual Scrabble Challenge for Literacy, benefiting the Library's Adult and Family Literacy Programs, was a rousing success! Over 100 players, including kids and adult learners, kicked off the Book & Author Festival on Friday evening, September 28, by playing two rounds of Scrabble for fun and prizes. Over 10 local restaurants donated delicious food and 70 businesses provided wonderful prizes! The event brought in over \$4,000 for library literacy projects.

Youth Services. On Thursday, October 4th, the Central Library hosted an Opening Reception for *Speak for the Creeks*, a multi-media exhibition of work by children in the Parks and Recreation RAP (Recreation After-School Program). This arts project, sponsored by the Creeks Outreach program, involves students from RAP at Monroe and Roosevelt Elementary Schools and Cesar Chavez Charter School who visited their neighborhood creeks and then created art collages using scrap materials and poetry. The student work will be on exhibit in the Children's area of the Central library for the month of October.

The Santa Barbara Public Library System will observe *Teen Read Week* from October 14 to 20 by providing book lists and an evening of fun. On October 19 from 7 to 9 p.m., the Central Library will host a teen “Singing Bee” in conjunction with the Teen Center. The “Teen Singing Bee” is a karaoke competition that challenges contestants to accurately sing the lyrics to popular songs when the music stops playing.

Parks and Recreation Department

Teen Coalition. People often say, “There is never anything for teens to do.” However, 21 teen service providers recently came together to talk about what there is for teens to do in our community. This group realized that there are many programs designed with the 12-18 year old in mind. This new coalition of service providers will continue to collaborate in promoting, creating, coordinating teen programs and mentoring teens in our community. To date, the coalition has met twice and will meet quarterly. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2008 and will be hosted by Girls, Inc.

Club West Masters and Open Track and Field Meet. The Parks and Recreation Department will co-sponsor the Club West Masters and Open Track and Field Meet on Saturday, October 6th at UCSB's Pauley Track. This meet is open to athletes 18 and over, but focuses on masters athletes aged 30 and up. This 33rd annual event is fully sanctioned and usually results in a world or national record for a five-year age category. Most athletes are from California, but some come from the east coast and abroad to compete in any of eight field and 16 track events. Call Recreation Supervisor Jason Bryan at 560-7550 for more information on this event.

Creek Week is October 6-14. Creek Week is an annual series of events which highlight our local creeks and watersheds and the many ways to enjoy, restore and protect them. The event is coordinated by the City of Santa Barbara Creeks Division and County Project Clean Water, with events hosted by several community organizations. There are some great opportunities to get involved in this year's events, including creek clean-ups, water quality monitoring, bird walks and a family day at the Watershed Resource Center. Some of the highlights include:

October 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Native Planting Workshop at Stevens Park: Join Carol Bornstein of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and learn more about native planting at this hands-on workshop and restoration day. For more information, call 897-2606.

October 11, 6 to 8 p.m. Marine Debris “Creeks to the Sea” Community Forum: Join guest speakers from Jean-Michel Cousteau's *Ocean Futures Society* and the *Algalita Marine Research Foundation* and learn more about the impacts of marine debris in remote areas of the world. Held at the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion, 1118 E. Cabrillo Blvd. For more information, call 897-2606.

October 14, Noon to 4 p.m. Art from Scrap Green School's Watershed Day: Following a volunteer planting day at the site of the Arroyo Burro restoration (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), walk over to the Watershed Resource Center for family fun including water bugs and microscopes, art and more. For more information, call 884-0459 extension 16.

October 17, 6 to 8 p.m. at Central Library: There will be a multi-media presentation of creek photos and video created by Youth CineMedia at Muddy, as well as an exhibit of children's creek art and poetry as part of a "Speak for the Creeks" showing. Check local papers for a full calendar of events or visit www.sbcreeks.com.

Police Department

Elderly Man Saved. On September 4th, Officer Bryan Jensen responded to a “check the welfare” call at 2700 Miradero Drive. Neighbors reported a 92-year-old man had not been seen for three days. Officer Jensen knocked on the front door and received no answer. He looked through all the windows but could not see any activity inside the home. He spoke with neighbors, checked with local hospitals, and contacted the management company for the complex. No one could account for the elderly man’s whereabouts. Officer Jensen’s “sixth sense” told him something was wrong, so he forced entry into the locked residence. He found the elderly man collapsed on the bathroom floor, barely alive and slow to respond. Medics transported him to Cottage Hospital, where his condition was soon upgraded to stable. Thanks to Officer Jensen’s decisive action, the elderly man is expected to recover and return home.

Stopped at the Gate. On September 5th, Officer Jesse Rose handled a burglary investigation at an apartment located at 1040 Cliff Drive. Property stolen included a laptop computer. Officer Rose determined that a second burglary had occurred in the same complex. A possible suspect was identified as a 19-year-old former roommate of the initial theft victim. The suspect was a British citizen believed to be headed back to England. Officer Rose contacted LAX Police and advised them of the investigation. LAX Police checked passenger records and determined that the suspect was booked on the next flight to London. Officer Rose provided a description of the stolen property that included the serial number for the laptop computer. Minutes later, LAX Police detained the suspect as he passed through the boarding gate. The suspect was arrested after the stolen laptop computer was found in his possession. The suspect was brought back to Santa Barbara and booked at County Jail for burglary and possession of stolen property.

Gang Stabbings. On September 20th at 10:20 p.m., police responded to a stabbing on the Westside. A 17-year-old with gang ties was attacked by multiple suspects near Wentworth and Ortega Streets. The victim staggered to his residence in the 800 block of Orange Avenue and collapsed. He was admitted into ICU with numerous stab wounds primarily to his torso. The victim could not provide a detailed description of his attackers or a motive for the attack.

On September 24th at 9:35 p.m. a taxi dropped off a 20-year-old man at Cottage Hospital Emergency Room with numerous stab wounds. The victim is a known gang associate. He described walking near Haley and Nopal Streets when he was confronted by three teenaged males armed with knives. The trio shouted a gang slogan and attacked. The victim tried running away, but was caught, knocked down, and stabbed repeatedly. Police believe the victim was less than forthright in describing the exact circumstances and his assailants. The following day the victim was released from the hospital.

Public Works Department

Mission Canyon Road Water Main Project. During the big 2005 winter storm, a mudslide caused the failure of an existing eight-inch water main near 1415 Paseo del Ocaso Road in Mission Canyon. City crews quickly responded, bypassing the failed section with a temporary two-inch copper pipeline to serve the residences on the private Mission Canyon Road and other nearby homes. The City received financial assistance for this project through FEMA, and after many obstacles, construction for this sensitive project began this year in May and was recently completed in September. This project replaced the failed water main with approximately 1,300 linear feet of new water main. The project also added two new fire hydrants to the area, which will provide Mission Canyon with greater fire protection.

Lighting the Way on Montecito Street. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Wednesday evening, September 19th, at the Franklin Community Center, to celebrate the installation of streetlights along Montecito Street. Guest speakers included Mayor Marty Blum and Franklin Center Advisory Committee Chairperson Ken Rivas. Approximately 30 neighborhood residents attended to voice their appreciation.

Construction began in February 2007, and was completed June 14, 2007, and consisted of installing streetlights at the intersections of Montecito Street and Alisos, Voluntario, and Soledad Streets, and streetlights at the mid-way point of the 900, 1000, and 1100 blocks of Montecito Street. Pedestrian streetlights were also installed along the 900, 1000, and 1100 blocks of Montecito Street, with four pedestrian lights per block. Funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a California Workforce Housing Incentive Grant, this project provides a higher level of lighting which helps create a safer environment for residents that walk to the Franklin Community Center, Eastside Library, and Scolari's Market.

Making Life Easier, Chapala Street Intersection Improvement Project. Bulbouts were installed at the intersections of Chapala Street at Gutierrez and De La Guerra Streets, making crossing the street easier by reducing crosswalk distances at the intersections. Minor sidewalk improvements were also made, and landscape improvements, including planting trees and minor shrubs, were completed. The crosswalks, leading from the bulbouts across the street, are constructed of attractive brick pavers in a herringbone pattern. The De La Guerra intersection has been completed and the Gutierrez Street intersection is now open.

5th Annual Community Clean-Up Creating Clean & Green Neighborhoods. Looking Good Santa Barbara (LGSB) celebrates five years of improving neighborhoods with their annual clean-up. Join LGSB, the City of Santa Barbara's Parks and Recreation Department, and students from throughout the community to plant 25 trees and clean-up graffiti and litter on Santa Barbara's Eastside on Saturday, October 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All volunteers will meet at the intersection of Canada and Pitos Streets where clean-up equipment will be supplied. Eastside residents and families are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact [Lorraine Cruz Carpenter](#) or call 448-0886.

Waterfront Department

Harbor and Seafood Festival. When it comes to fresh seafood, you can't get it any fresher than right off the boat. On Saturday, October 13th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Santa Barbara Harbor and Seafood Festival lures seafood lovers of all ages to Santa Barbara's thriving Harbor for one of the community's most beloved and flavorful events. Timed to celebrate the opening of commercial lobster season (October 4th), the annual benefit for the Page Youth Center showcases a bounty of delectable regional seafood specialties, in addition to cooking demonstrations, interactive maritime education, unique children's activities, boat rides, live music, a tall-ship visit, and much more. For more information, go to www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov.